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I am delighted to be a part of Cleantech2007 and I wish I could be there in person with you. With all the

And I have carried that passion and interest with me to Congress, where I serve on the new House Sele

We have a tremendous opportunity right now to forge a new path towards energy independence and sus

The clean technologies being demonstrated and discussed at Cleantech2007 represent a critical path fo

Many of you have been pioneers at the cutting edge of clean technology development. You know, as do

Clearly, there is a growing global demand for clean technologies:

- American-produced clean energy from biofuels, wind, solar, and geothermal, to reduce our nation's
- Cleaner, faster, more economical hybrid and electric vehicles;
- Green construction materials to provide for future development and economic growth while taking

Addressing climate change must be a national priority because it is, inherently, a national security conce

As a member of the 110th congress, I'm working actively to secure favorable policies that encourage the

But, just as important as the action that Congress takes are efforts from the business community to make

I wish you all the best of luck in the future. Enjoy the conference.